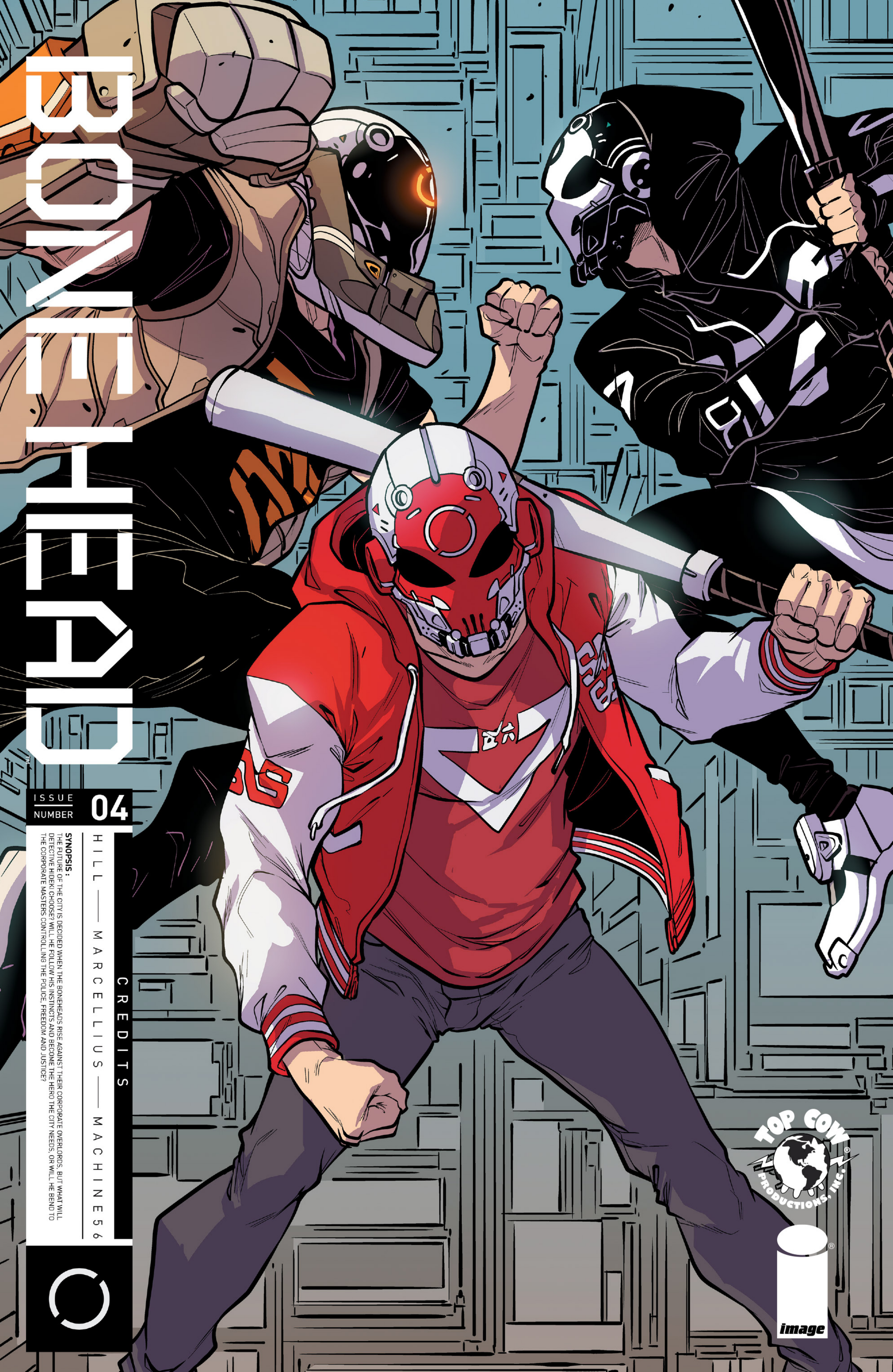




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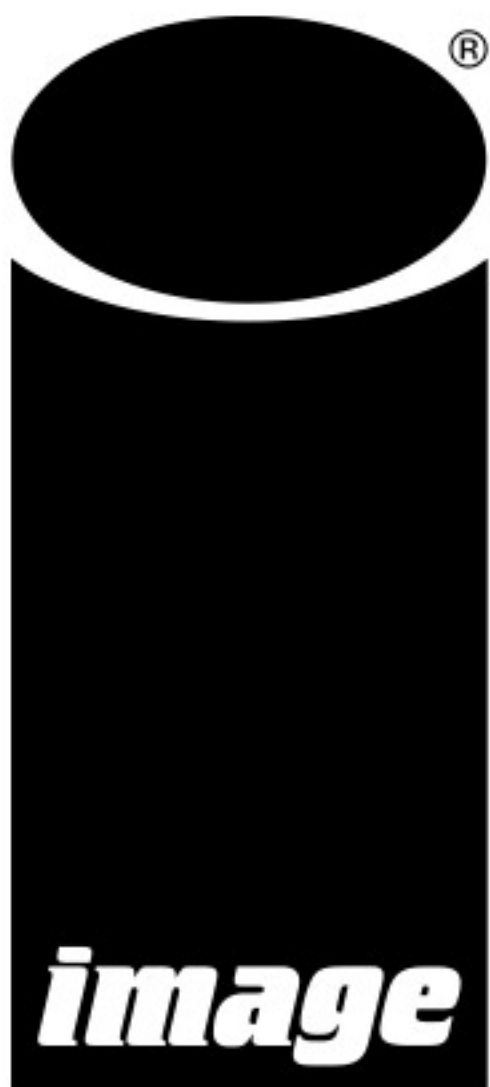


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"REX IS TROUBLE."

"HE WAS ONE OF US, BUT HE WENT ROGUE AND JOINED DIGITALSAURUS."

"HE CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF THE LADDER FASTER THAN ANYONE BEFORE HIM, THANKS TO HIS AMBITION AND ABILITY TO SPREAD AND CREATE **STRONGER** DRUGS ON THE STREET."

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN OUR TERRITORY, OLD MAN?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE LONG GONE.

THIS PLACE IS NO LONGER YOUR PLAYGROUND.

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.

OH, YOU'RE SO GONNA REGRET THIS!

SERIOUSLY?! DODGING AND RUNNING?

THAT'S ALL YOU GOT?!

GET HIM, BOYS!



"DID I FORGET TO MENTION HE'S THE LEADER OF RAVETORS NOW?"

"LOW-LIFE COWARDS WHO LOVE TO ATTACK IN NUMBERS, LIKE A WILD PACK OF HYENAS, WE'VE MET THEM BEFORE--"



"ANYWAY! IF IT'S TRUE REX IS GETTING INTO A FIGHT WITH BLACKDEATH--THE **REAL** BLACKDEATH! THEN I WANNA SEE IT."

"WE NEED TO SEE IT!"



"HE'S **FAST**, MAN!"



"PROBABLY JUST AS FAST AS YOU, IF NOT FASTER."



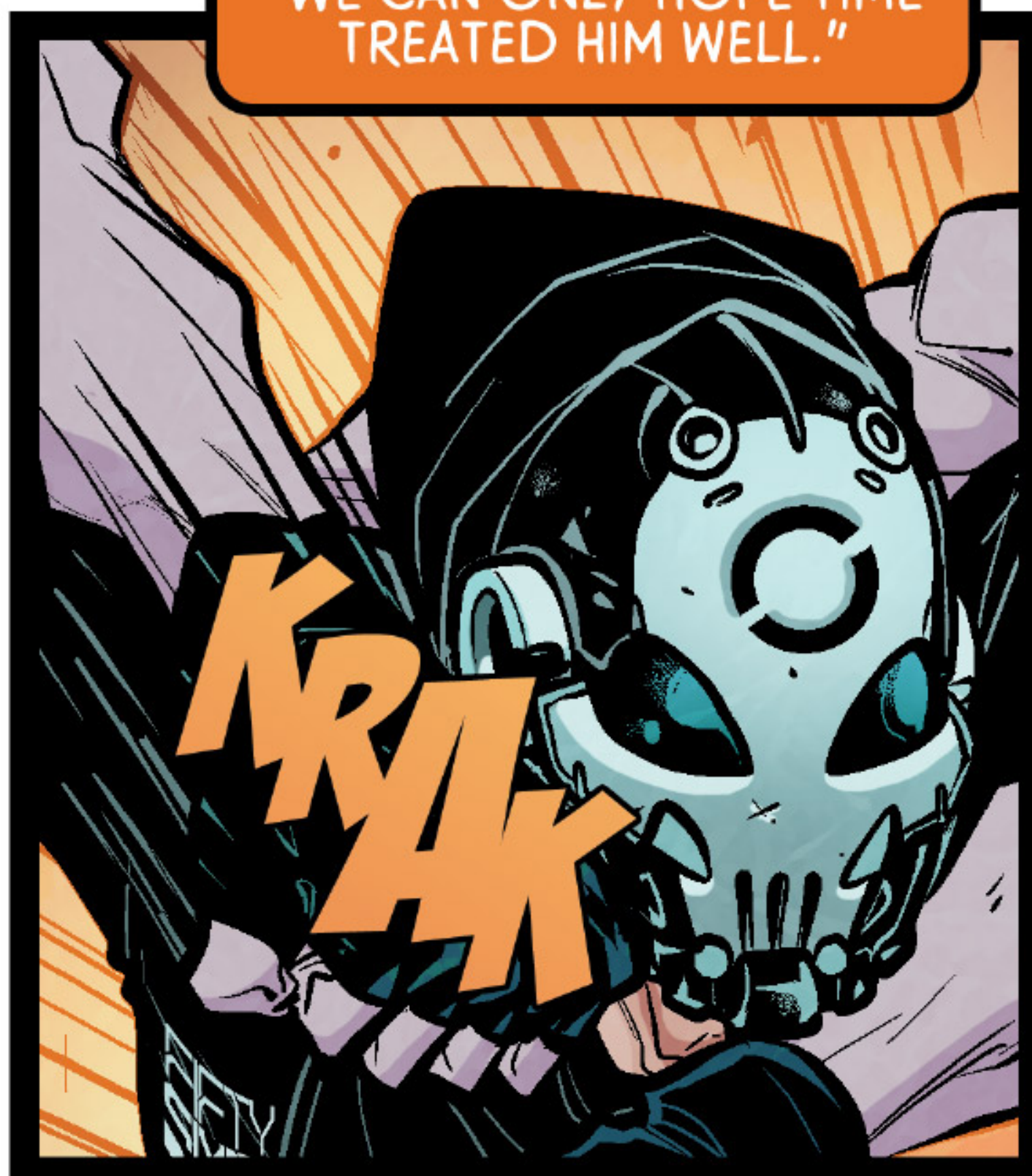
"AND HE HIT HARD TOO!"

"THAT WAS A LONG
TIME AGO, THOUGH.

"BEFORE HE DECIDED TO
JUST...DISAPPEAR.

"NO WAY OF KNOWING
IF HE'S THE SAME FIGHTER
HE USED TO BE.

"WE CAN ONLY HOPE TIME
TREATED HIM WELL."



"BUT ENOUGH ABOUT
BLACKDEATH..."

"NOW IT'S OUR TIME
TO SHINE!"

EXCUSE
US...

COMING
THROUGH!

Wochoo!

WE
GOT THIS,
BOYS!

NO!



YOU--



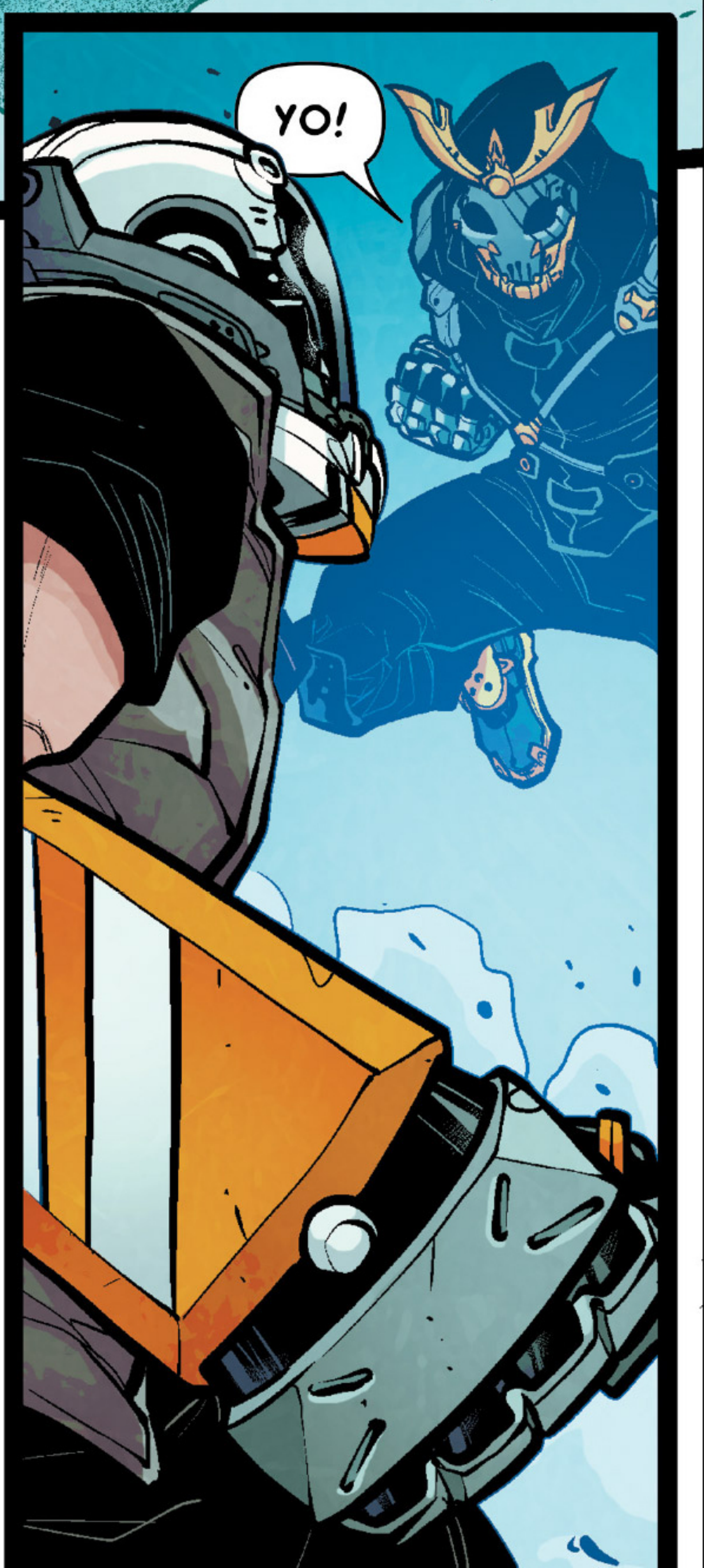
YES!
GO AHEAD
AND RUN!



BUT
YOU WON'T
ESCAPE ME!



YO!



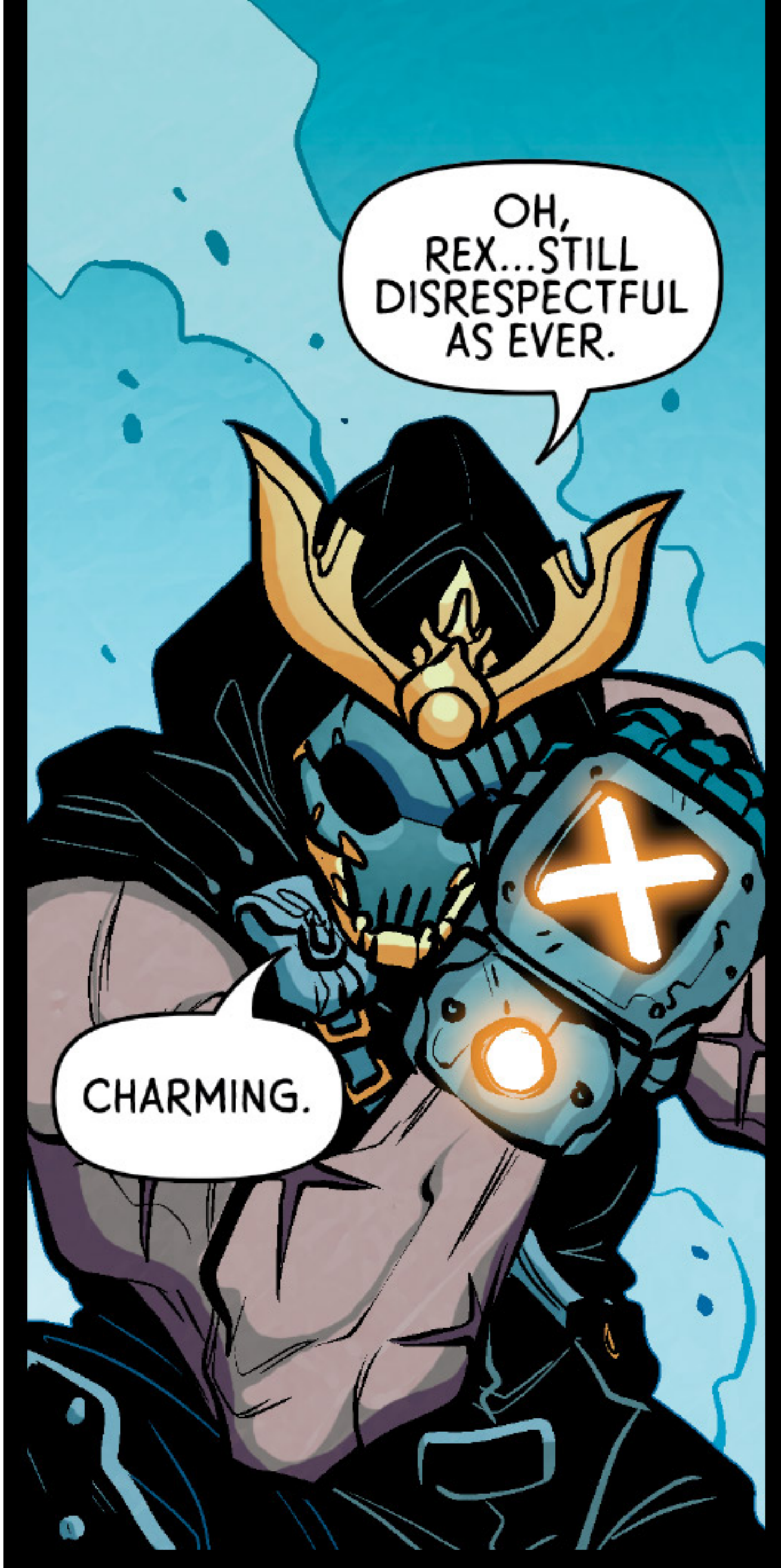
YOUR
OPPONENT
IS ME!





TYRANT?!

WHAT IS THIS?! A "HAS-BEENS" REUNION?



OH, REX... STILL DISRESPECTFUL AS EVER.

CHARMING.



FRIENDS OF YOURS, I TAKE IT.

OH, RIGHT.

NICE TO SEE YOU, TOO.



WE'RE **KINGS**

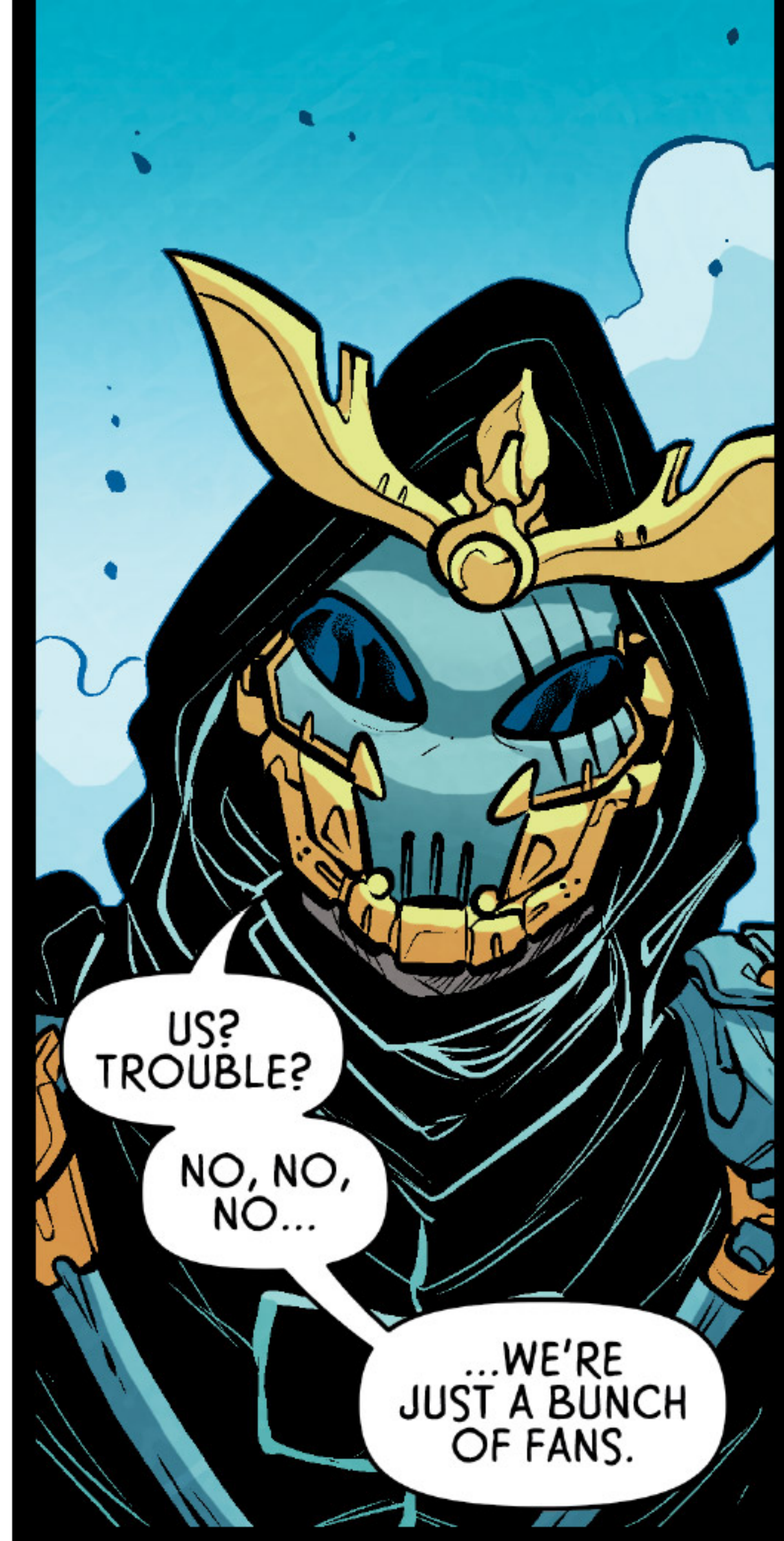
FROM THE COBWEBS SECTOR-48, AND WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

WE'VE HEARD EVERYTHING FROM YOUR BROTHER.

WELL, IT'S ACTUALLY FROM 56 HERE, HE'S THE ONE COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR BROTHER.

SO WE FIGURED WE'D SHOW UP AND HELP.

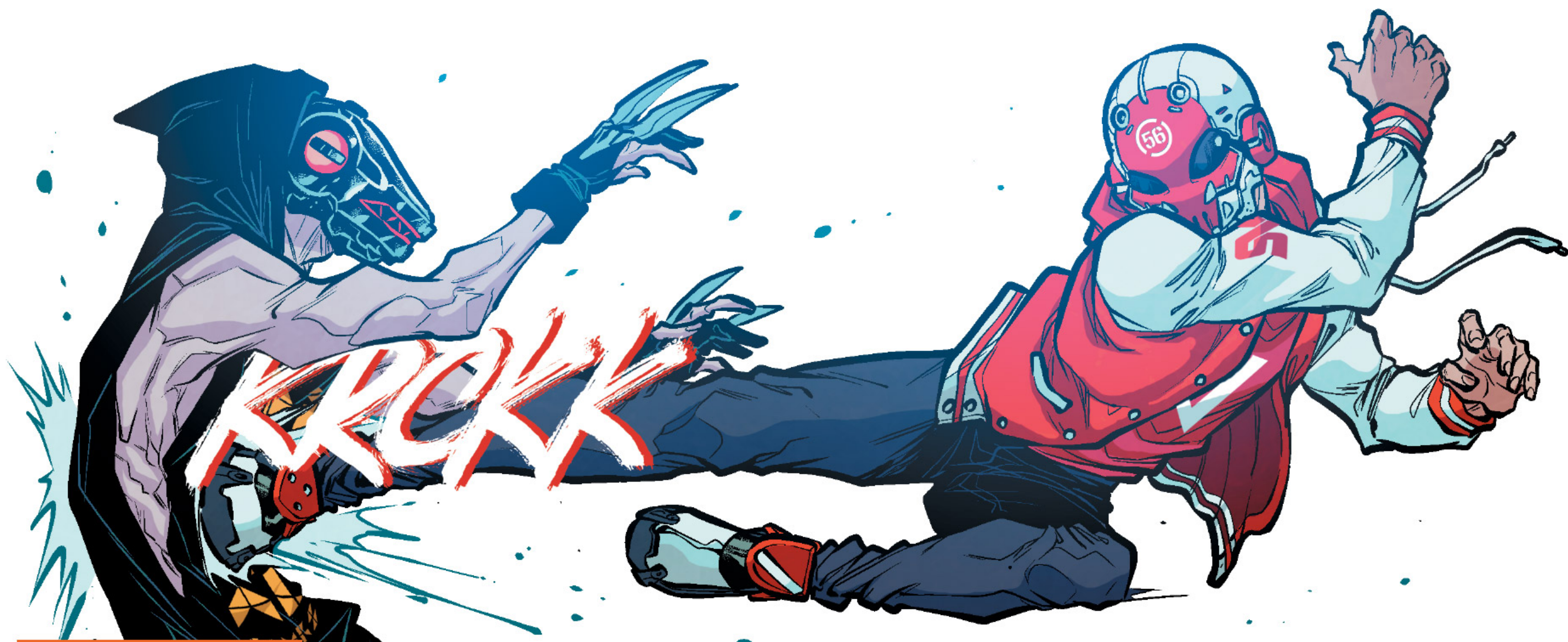
BECAUSE I THINK IT'LL BE FUN.





LET'S
END THIS!

YOU
HAVE NO IDEA
HOW LONG I'VE
BEEN WAITING
FOR THIS!



"PROTODACTYL..."



"...I THINK WE'RE
IN TROUBLE."

"NO S#@*, REX!"

"I'VE BEEN WATCHING
THROUGH MY DRONES
THE WHOLE TIME."



"USELESS RAVETORS!"

">SIGH< I'LL DEAL
WITH THEM LATER."



"I TOLD YOU, YOU SHOULD
NEVER, AND I MEAN NEVER,
UNDERESTIMATE HIM."

"I HAD HIM! BUT THIS--
WHATEVER THIS MESS IS--THIS
IS NOT WHAT I HAD IN MIND."

"THEN WHAT'S
THE PLAN?"

"HMM...YOU'RE NOT
GONNA LIKE IT..."

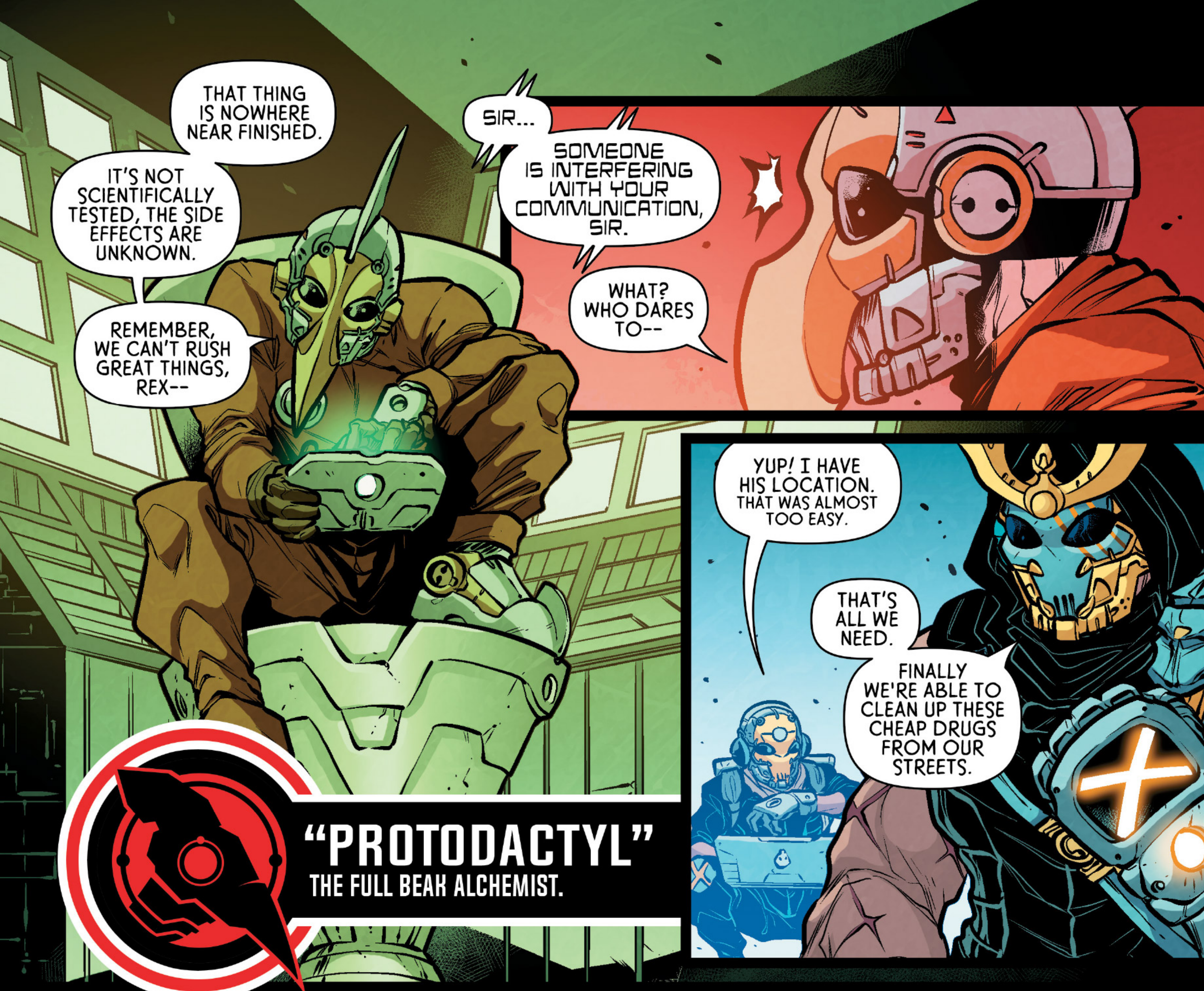


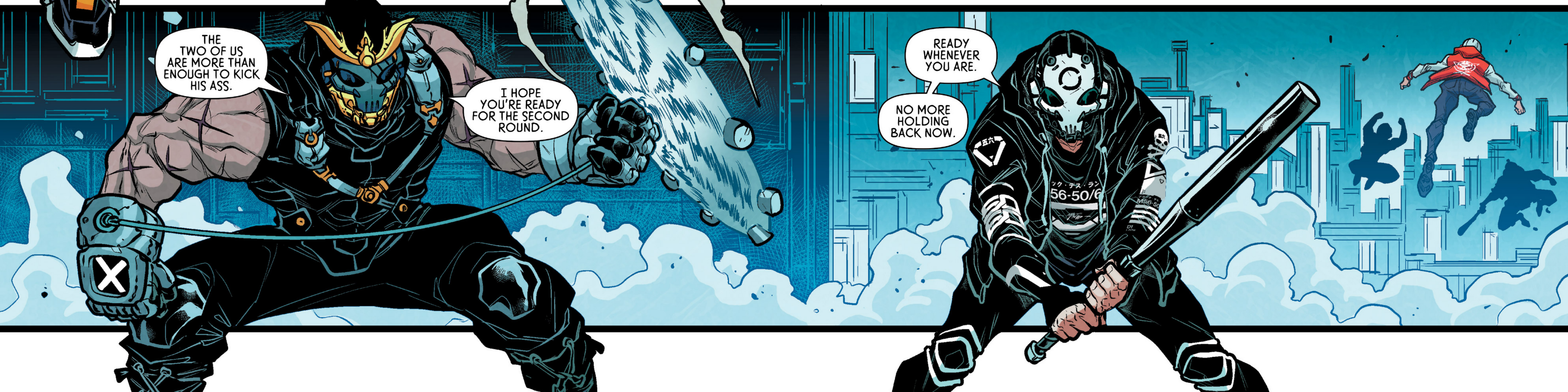
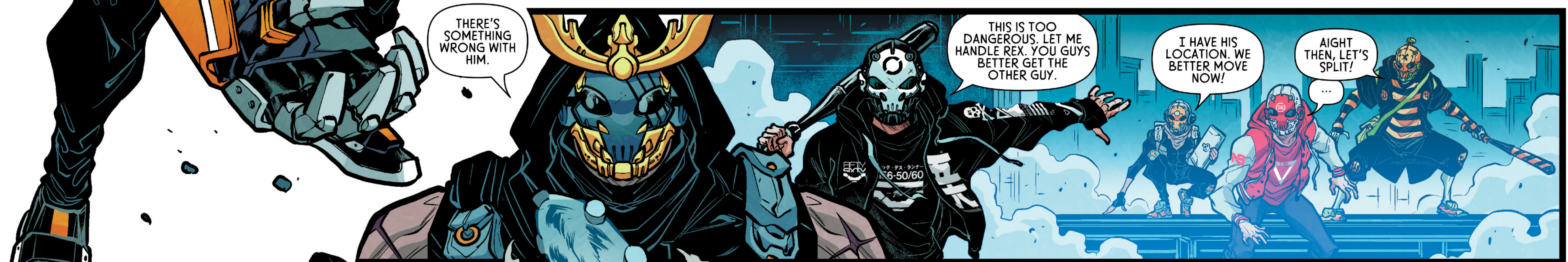
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THE NEW
DRUG."

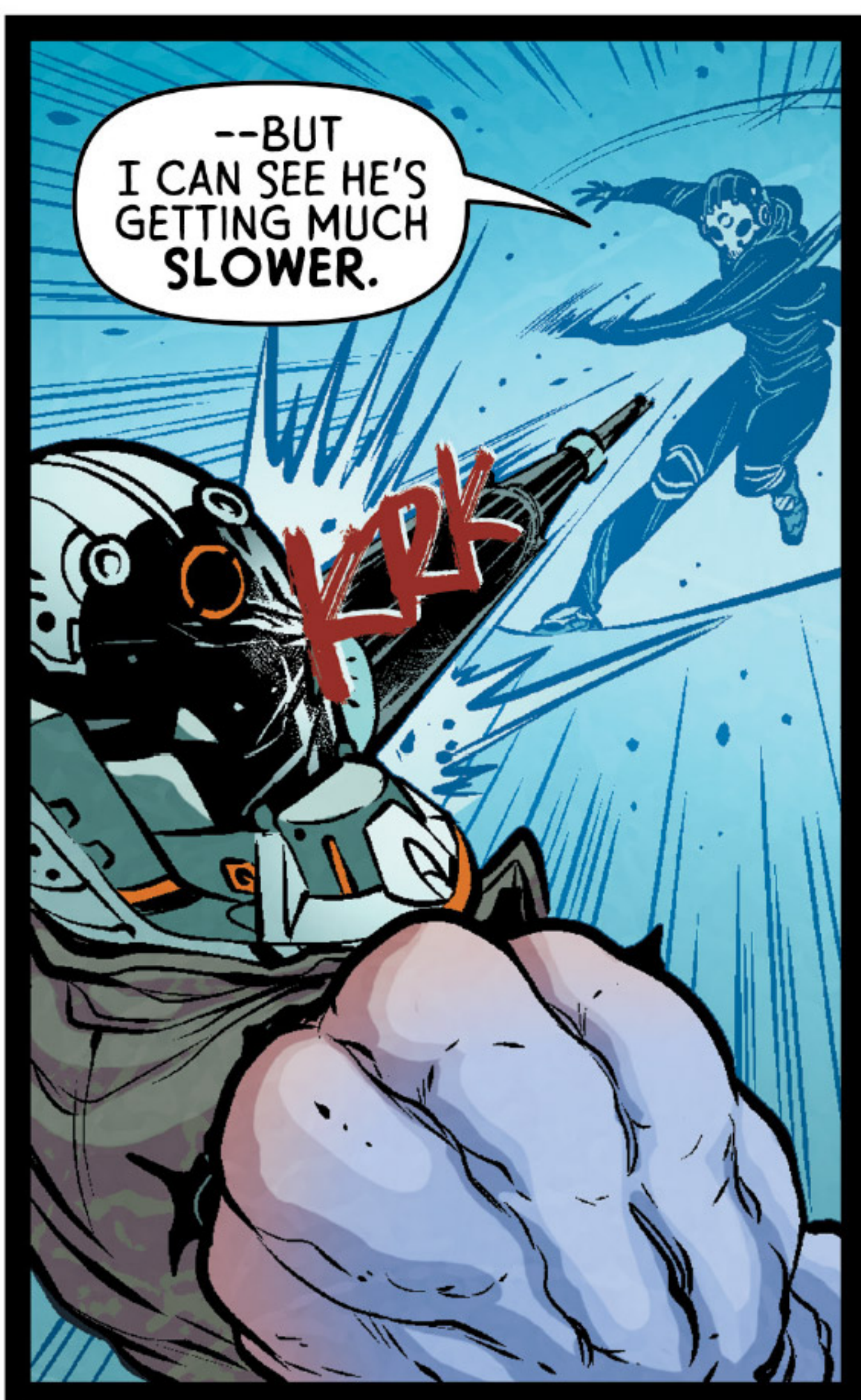
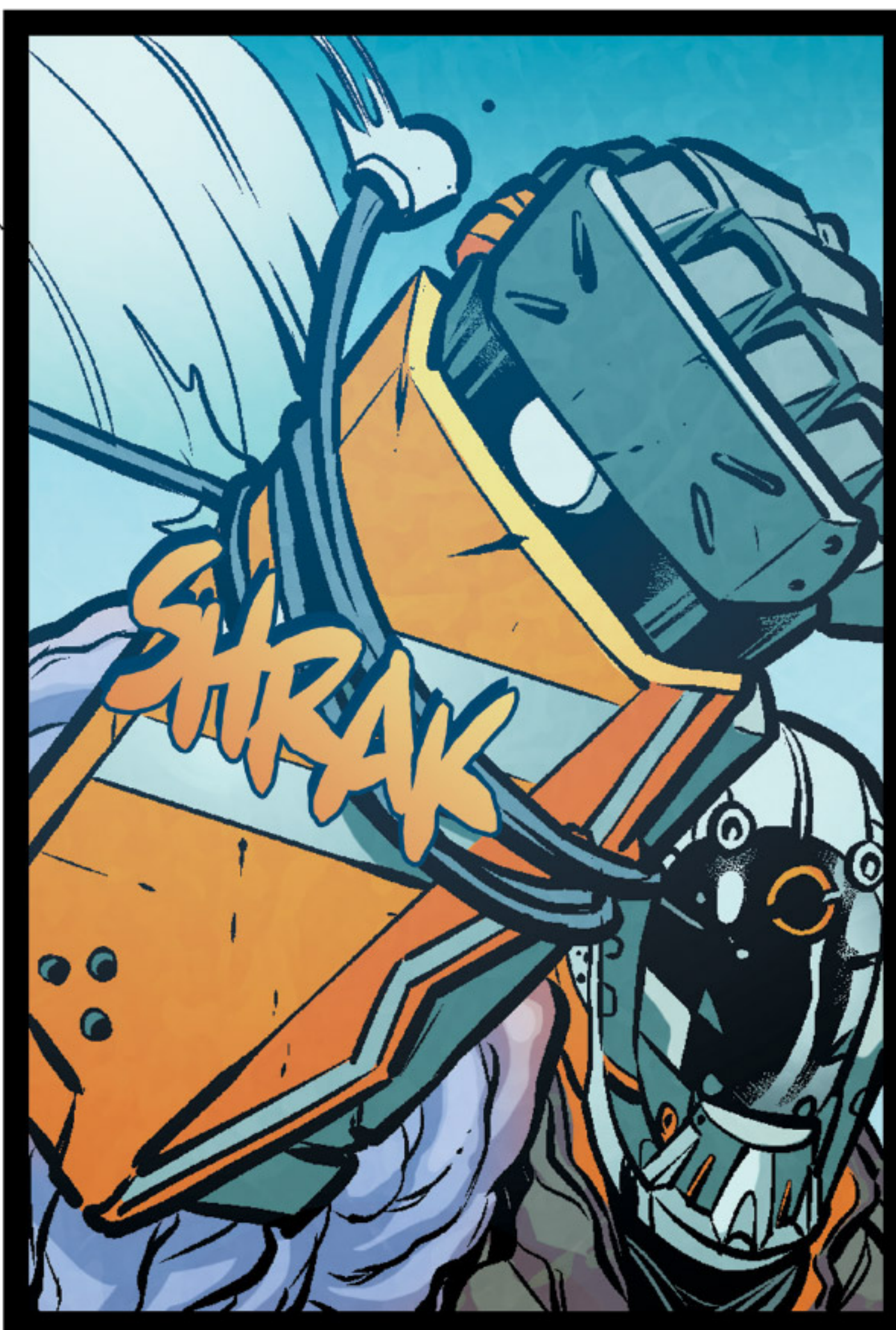
WAIT,
YOU'RE
KIDDING--

--OK,
YOU'RE
NOT.

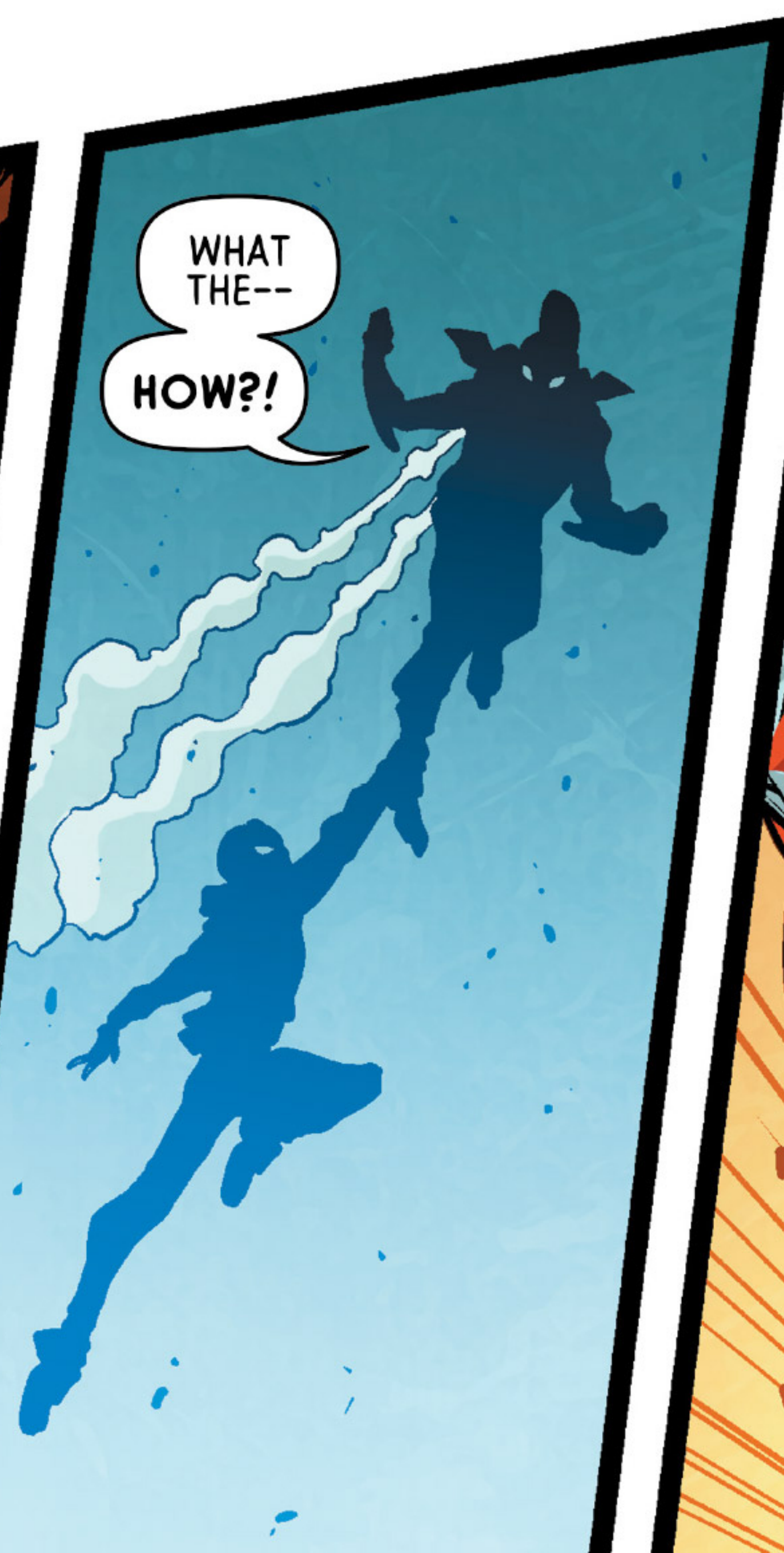
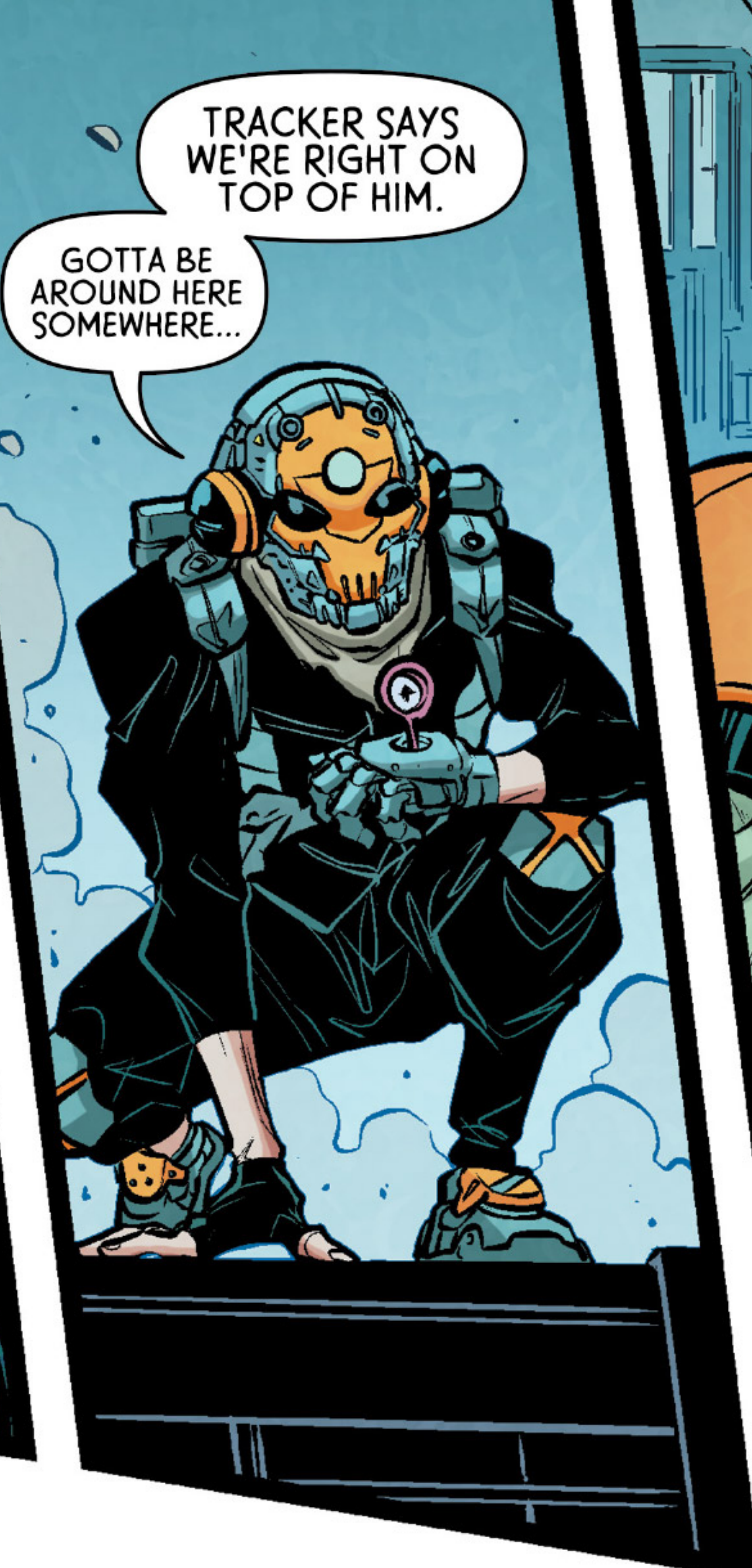
ARE YOU...
SURE?











LATER

FOLLOWING GLADIATORS' INTERVENTION, THE COBWEBS SECTOR-39 RIOT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED.

GLADIATORS HAVE APPREHENDED TWO STREET JUNKIES WITH VVD IN THEIR POSSESSION.

MEANWHILE, CITIZENS NEAR THE SECTOR STATED THAT THEY WERE FAR FROM SURPRISED BY THE RIOTS, GIVEN COBWEBS' TROUBLING REPUTATION.

WE WILL DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO BRING THESE CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE. IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE STREETS AND ALLOW THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS TO LIVE THEIR BEST LIVES.

AS FOR THE TWO JUNKIES FOUND AT THE CRIME SCENE, THEY'LL BE RECEIVING THE BEST TREATMENT OUR FACILITIES CAN OFFER. I BELIEVE THEY'RE ALSO VICTIMS--

SCREEN OFF!

THIS IS MADNESS!

HE DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THE TWO OF THEM BEING THE ONES BEHIND THE DRUG DISTRIBUTION.

WHY IS THE CHIEF GLADIATOR HIMSELF TREATING THEM AS LOW-LIFE STREET JUNKIES?

SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE, ALEPH.

THE MEDIA JUST LIED TO OUR FACE. JUST LIKE THAT!

I KNOW.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THAT? THAT'S THEIR PREROGATIVE.

I DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO PROTECT.

BUT I'LL DO ANYTHING IN MY POWER TO FIND THE TRUTH BEHIND ALL OF THIS.

SO, WHAT THEN? YOU'RE JUST GONNA GO BACK TO BEING GLADIATOR 32?

NO, I CAN'T FIGHT THEM IF I'M STILL PART OF THE SYSTEM. I NEED TO FACE THEM FROM THE OUTSIDE.

I'LL BE BLACKDEATH FOR THE TIME BEING.

OKAY... AND HOW ABOUT 56?



"WHAT ABOUT HIM?"

"HE'S A FREE MAN NOW."

"PRETTY SURE WE'RE GONNA
SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN..."

"...SOMEWHERE IN THE SKY."

THE END...FOR NOW.



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BOOK ONE



TERRA FANTASME. A WORLD PARALLEL TO OUR OWN, ITS TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURE CENTURIES BEYOND THAT OF OUR WORLD.

HERE IS A WORLD UNIQUE IN THE UNIVERSE, NOT MERELY BECAUSE OF ITS PERFECT CLIMATE AND BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES, BUT BECAUSE OF ITS INHABITANTS.

THE FANTASMEN. ELEGANT, INVENTIVE SPIRITUAL BEINGS THAT LONG AGO TRANSCENDED THEIR PHYSICAL FORMS.

YET, THIS UTOPIA FACED A GLARING FLAW. FOR BEINGS MADE PURELY OF SPIRIT, THE FANTASMEN SEEMED TO LACK SOULS. A CONSCIENCE.

THUS, THEY FILLED THEIR DAYS WITH NEVER-ENDING WAR.

DESPERATE TO AVOID THE DESTRUCTION OF THEIR ELEGANT WORLD, THE FEW PACIFISTS OF TERRA FANTASME SENT AN **AMBASSADOR** OUT INTO THE STARS, IN SEARCH OF A LONG-LOST MORTAL PERSPECTIVE, A SPECIES THAT COULD HELP THEM RECOVER THEIR BALANCE.

AFTER 11 YEARS AND FAILED INTERACTIONS WITH 87 CIVILIZATIONS, THE MESSENGER STUMBLED UPON A PURE WORLD, WITH A SIMPLE CIVILIZATION AND HUMBLE CULTURE.

THIS WORLD IS CALLED **EARTH**.

THEY WASTED NO TIME IN STRIKING A BARGAIN WITH HUMANITY, A SIMPLE EXCHANGE THAT WOULD BECOME KNOWN AS "**THE CONSCIENCE AGREEMENT.**"

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ENDLESS KNOWLEDGE AND POWER OF THE FANTASMEN, EARTH HAD ONLY ONE THING TO OFFER--

THE VIRTUE OF HUMANKIND.

THE END RESULT OF THIS EXCHANGE WAS A KIND OF SYMBIOSIS. THE NONPHYSICAL FANTASMEN NEEDED A MEDIUM TO CONVEY AND MANIFEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE--A HUMAN BODY PROVED THE PERFECT VESSEL.

IN MOST CASES, SOME ASPECTS OF THE SPIRIT ALTERED THE HUMAN'S PHYSICAL FORM IN MINOR WAYS, TWO MINDS SEPARATE BUT WORKING IN COOPERATION. THIS STATE WAS CALLED "HALF-SYNCH."

IN THE RARE EVENT OF A PERFECT UNION, A NEW TYPE OF BEING WAS BORN--A FLESH AND BLOOD FANTASMEN THAT SHARED ITS CONSCIOUSNESS AND INTELLIGENCE WITH ITS HUMAN HOST. THIS HARMONIOUS STATE WAS CALLED "FULL-SYNCH."

IN EITHER CASE, THE PROCESS OF SYMBIOSIS BECAME KNOWN AS **DISSONANCE**.

THE PROCESS WAS PERMANENT. THE ONLY WAY FOR A SPIRIT TO RETURN HOME WITH ITS NEWFOUND PERSPECTIVE...

...WAS FOR ITS HUMAN HOST TO **DIE**.

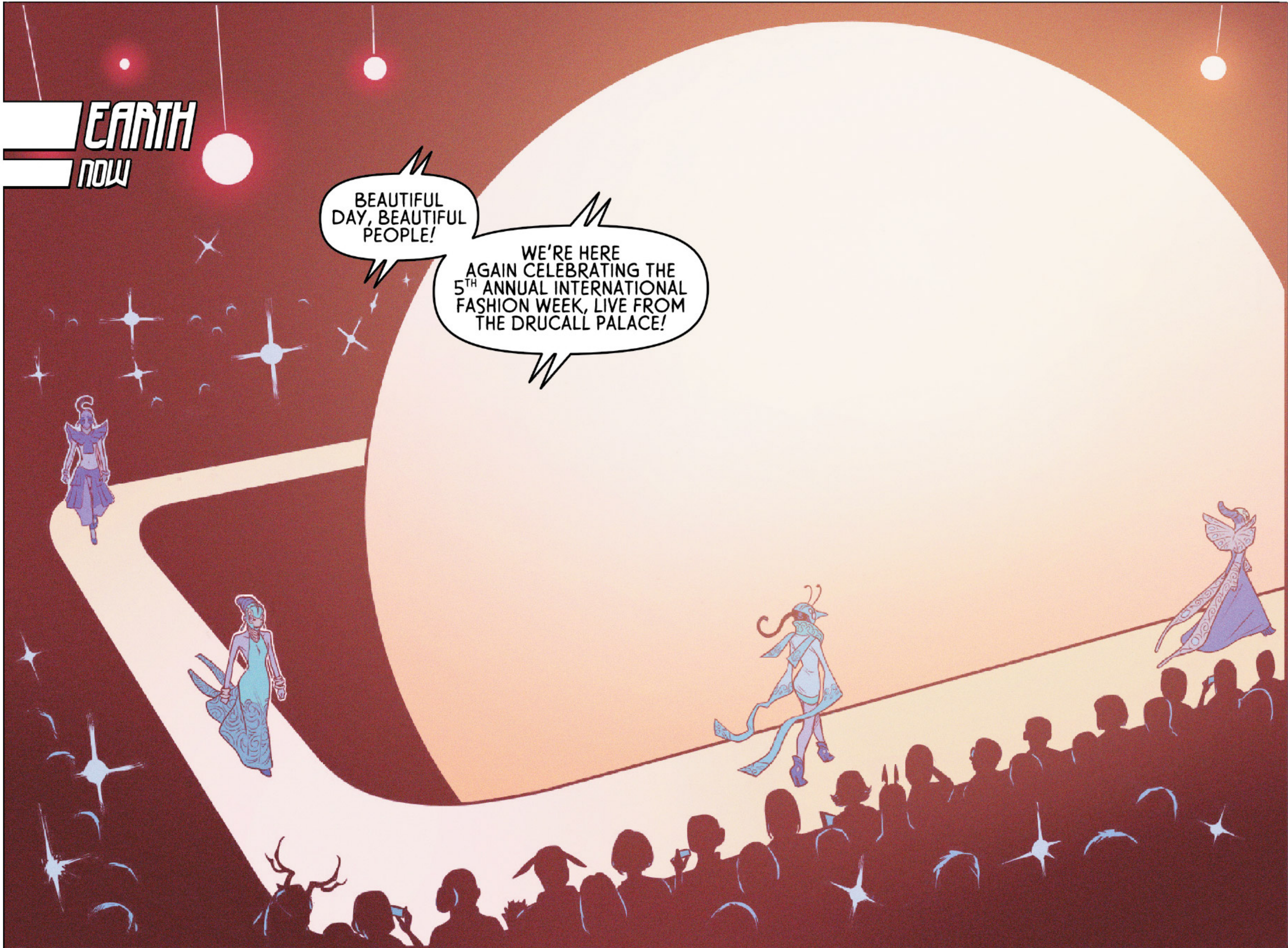
NONETHELESS, BOTH SIDES CONSIDERED THE DEAL TO BE EQUITABLE--AND EARTH FLOURISHED INTO A TECHNOLOGICAL PARADISE OF ITS OWN.

OF COURSE, WITH THE MIRACULOUS TECHNOLOGY OF THE FANTASMEN SEEMED TO COME TO THEIR SAME MISTAKES, AND IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE THEATER OF WAR ON EARTH GREW JUST AS DANGEROUS AS IT HAD ON THEIR HOMEWORLD.

MANY FEARED THAT IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE EARTH BECAME **CORRUPTED** BEYOND REPAIR...

...EVEN AS TERRA FANTASME CLAIMED A NEW GOLDEN AGE, PRAISING THEIR UNION WITH HUMANITY AND PROJECTING BOUNDLESS OPTIMISM FOR THE FUTURE OF BOTH SPECIES. THEY DID NOT CONSIDER THIS A LIE.

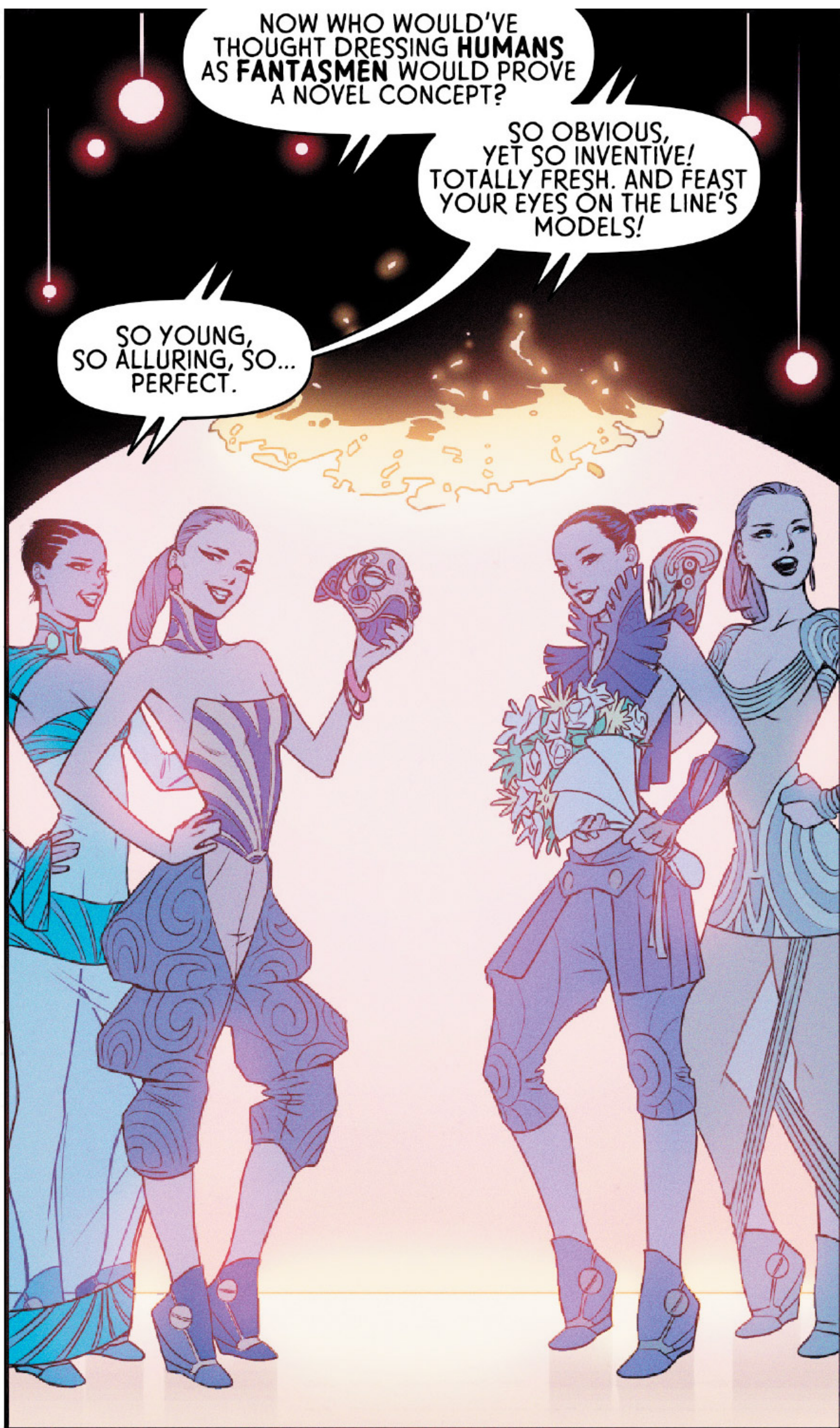
BUT THEY HARBORED A DARK SECRET. A SECRET THAT WAS SOON TO SHATTER THE IMAGINED PERFECTION BETWEEN THE TWO SPECIES...



EARTH
now

BEAUTIFUL
DAY, BEAUTIFUL
PEOPLE!

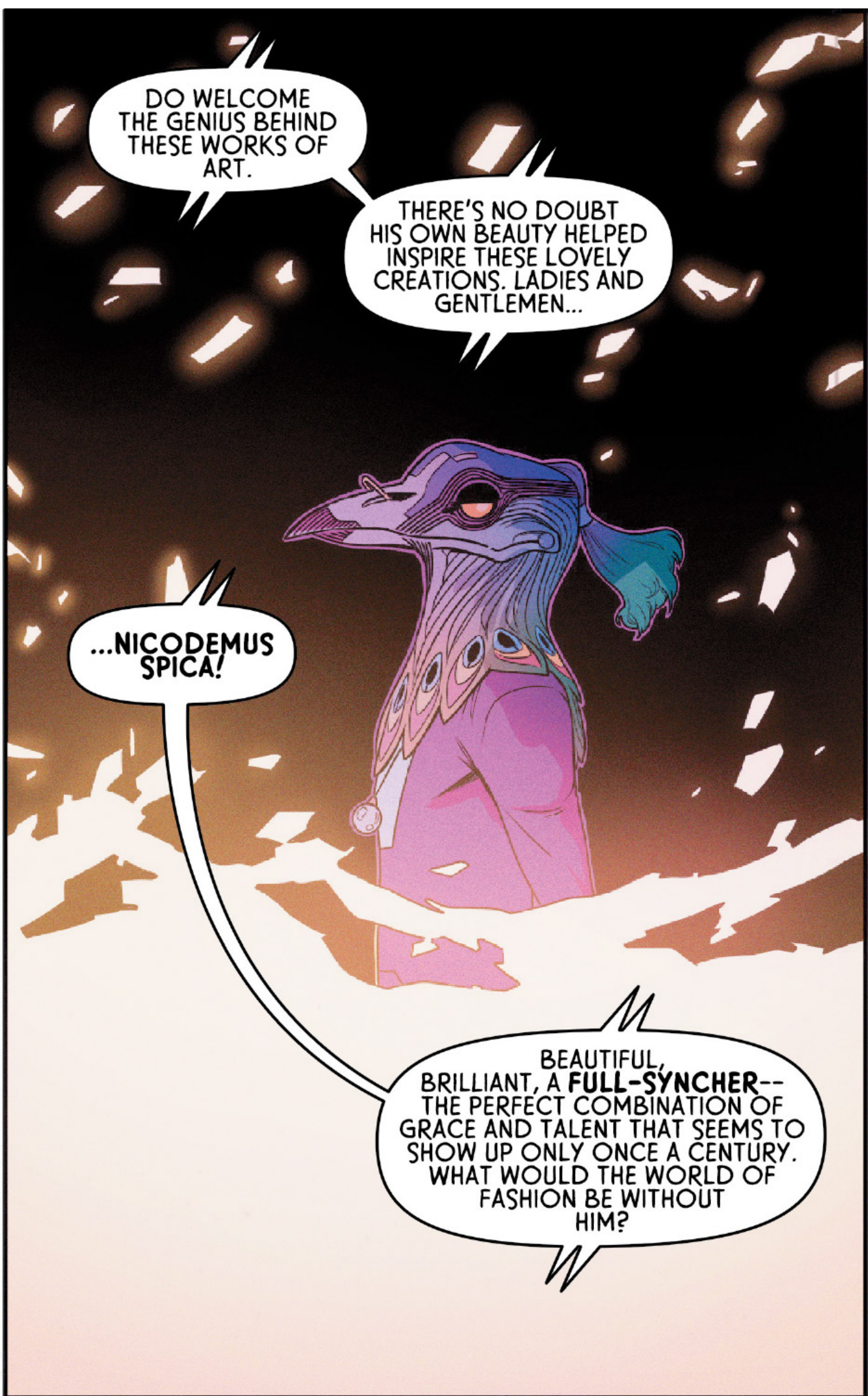
WE'RE HERE
AGAIN CELEBRATING THE
5TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL
FASHION WEEK, LIVE FROM
THE DRUCALL PALACE!



NOW WHO WOULD'VE
THOUGHT DRESSING **HUMANS**
AS **FANTASMEN** WOULD PROVE
A NOVEL CONCEPT?

SO OBVIOUS,
YET SO INVENTIVE!
TOTALLY FRESH. AND FEAST
YOUR EYES ON THE LINE'S
MODELS!

SO YOUNG,
SO ALLURING, SO...
PERFECT.



DO WELCOME
THE GENIUS BEHIND
THESE WORKS OF
ART.

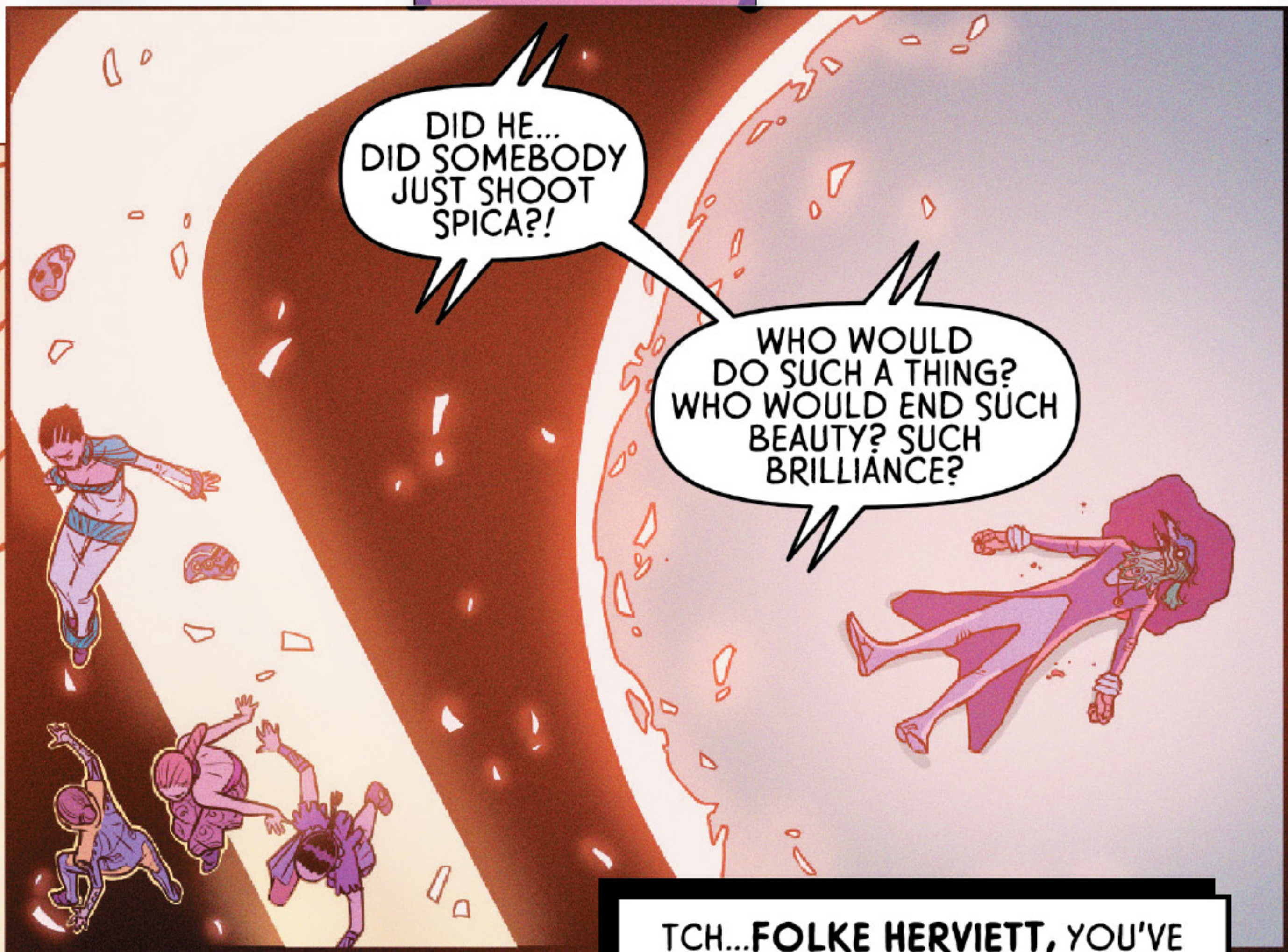
THERE'S NO DOUBT
HIS OWN BEAUTY HELPED
INSPIRE THESE LOVELY
CREATIONS. LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN...

...NICODEMUS
SPICA!

BEAUTIFUL,
BRILLIANT, A **FULL-SYNCHER**--
THE PERFECT COMBINATION OF
GRACE AND TALENT THAT SEEMS TO
SHOW UP ONLY ONCE A CENTURY.
WHAT WOULD THE WORLD OF
FASHION BE WITHOUT
HIM?



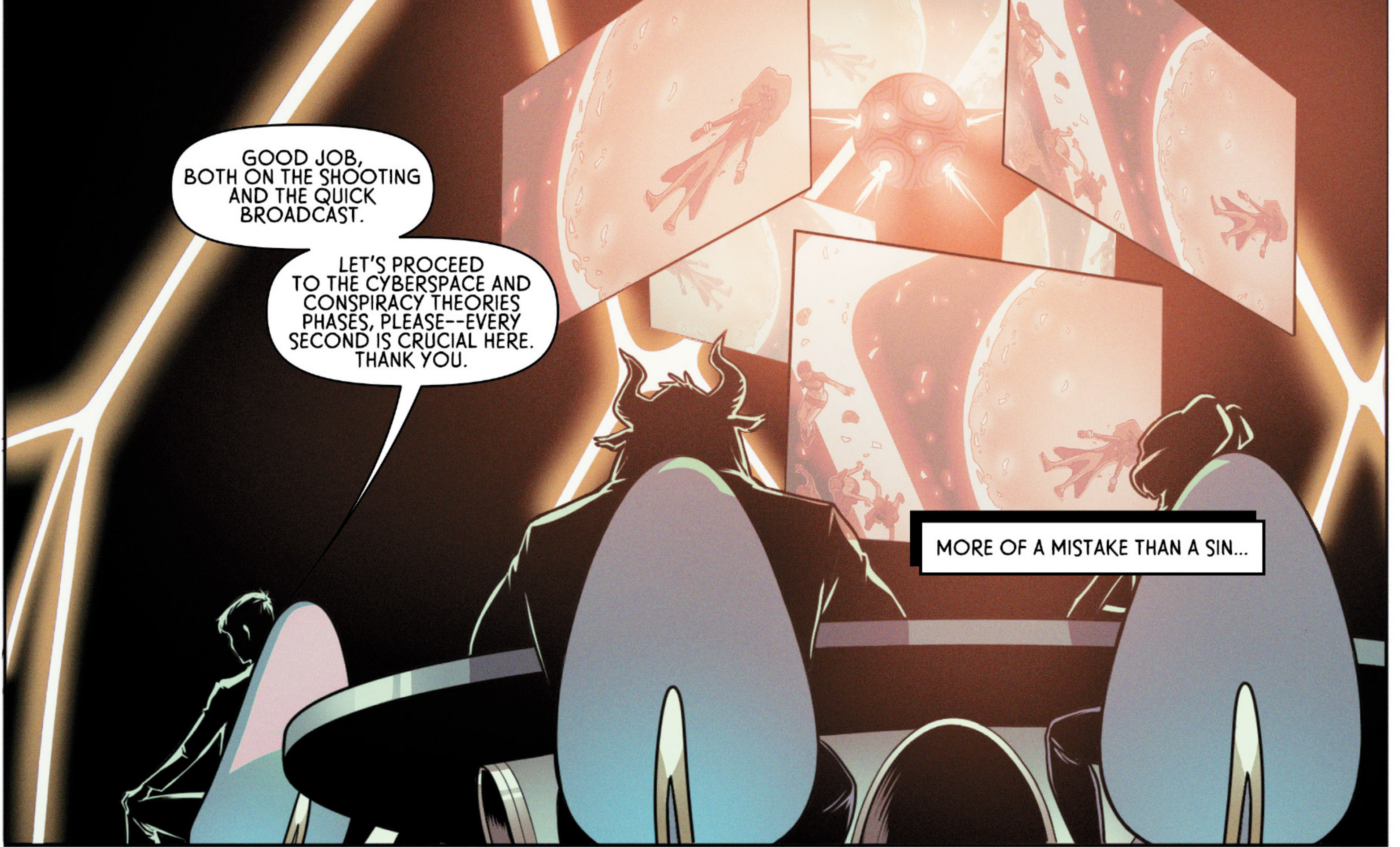
WH-
WHAT JUST
HAPPENED?



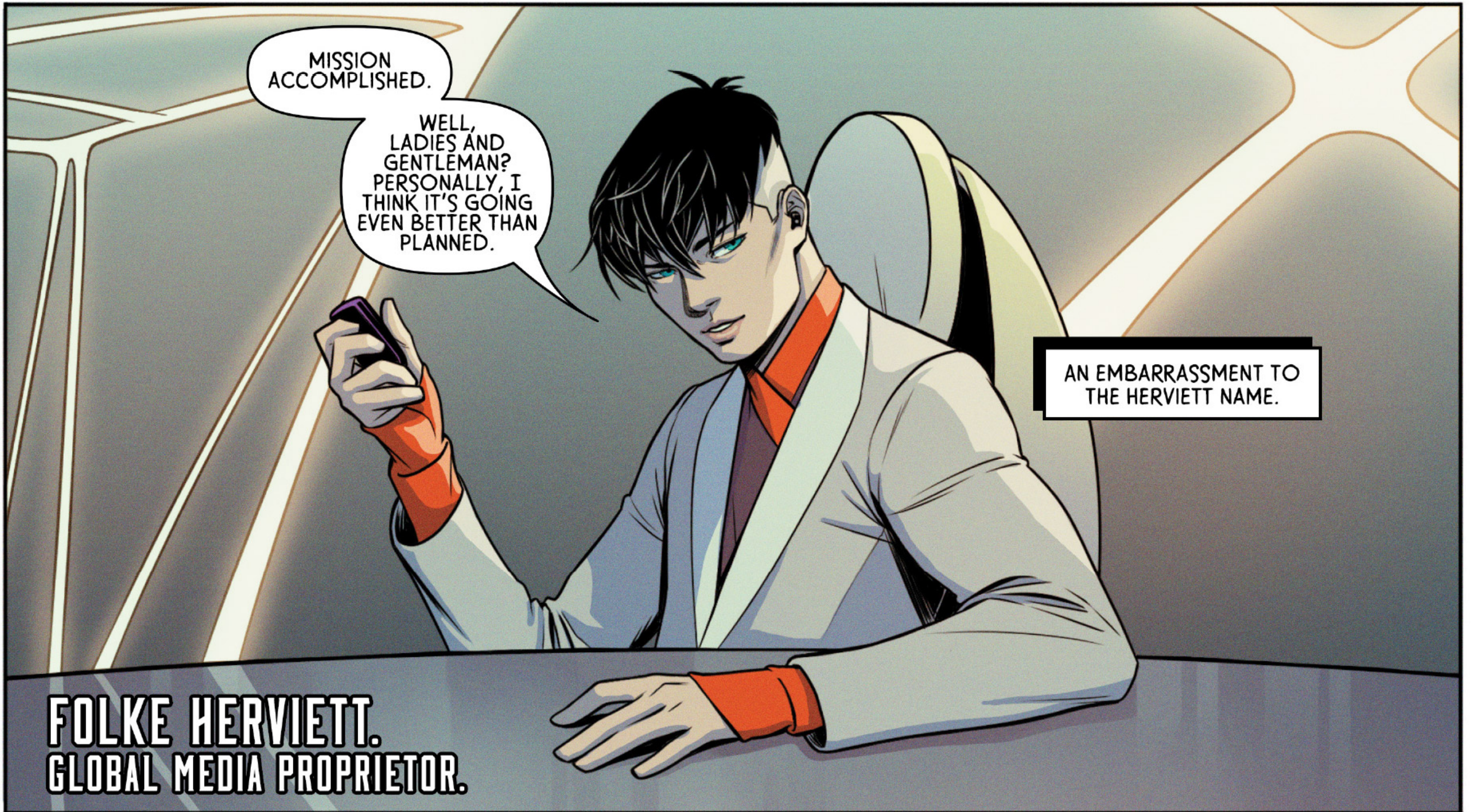
DID HE...
DID SOMEBODY
JUST SHOOT
SPICA?!

WHO WOULD
DO SUCH A THING?
WHO WOULD END SUCH
BEAUTY? SUCH
BRILLIANCE?

TCH...FOLKE HERVIETT, YOU'VE
DONE A VERY TERRIBLE THING.

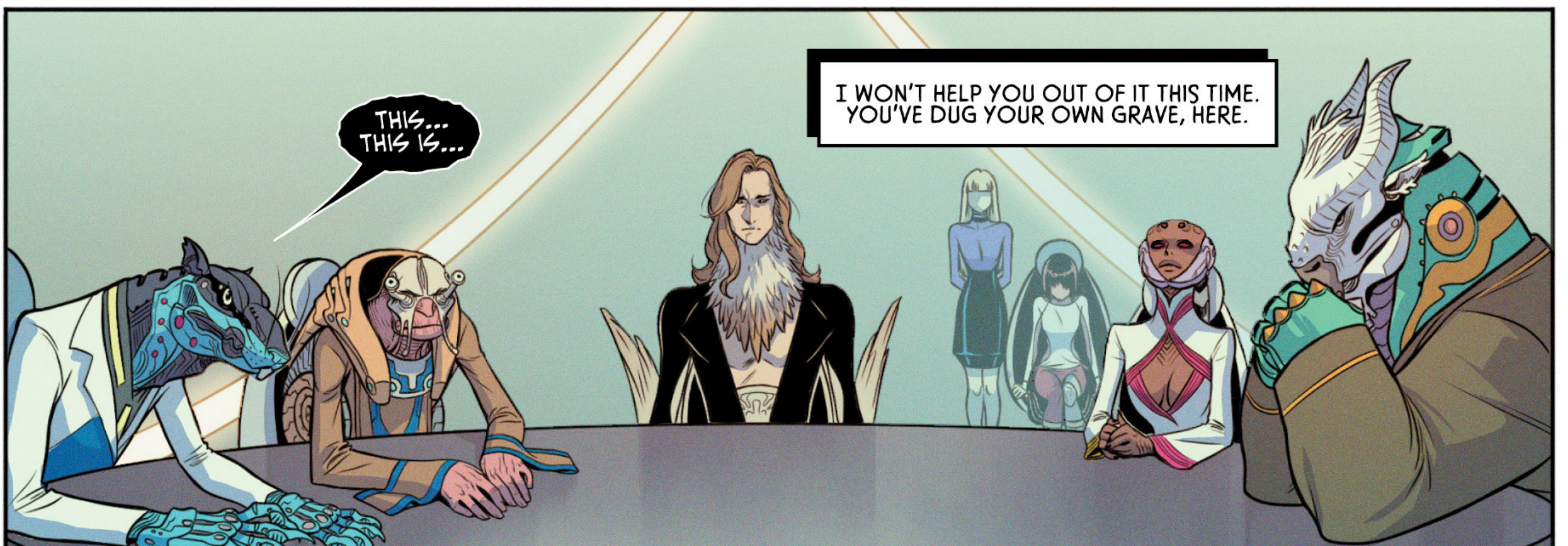


MORE OF A MISTAKE THAN A SIN...



AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE HERVIETT NAME.

FOLKE HERVIETT.
GLOBAL MEDIA PROPRIETOR.



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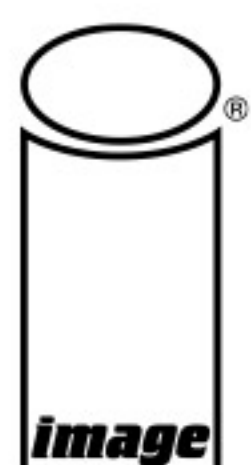
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BRILLIANTLY EXECUTED.”
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